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Expressing sympathy for the people of the United Kingdom in the aftermath
of the deadly terrorist attacks on London on July 7, 2005.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the people of the United Kingdom
in the aftermath of the deadly terrorist attacks on Lon-
don on July 7, 2005.

Whereas the United States and a broad international coali-
tion have been engaged in a Global War on Terrorism
since the terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C., New
York, and Pennsylvania that occurred on September 11,
2001;

Whereas the people and Governments of the United States
and the United Kingdom enjoy a deep and enduring
friendship undergirded by shared history, language, and
values;

Whereas the United Kingdom has been a strong and stead-
fast ally to the United States through two World Wars,

the Cold War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terrorism, including the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas terrorists have planned and conducted attacks around the world during the four years after the Global War on Terrorism began in 2001, most notably the bombing of a night club on the Indonesian island of Bali on October 12, 2002 that killed 202 people and injured an additional 209, the bombings of two synagogues and the British Embassy in Istanbul, Turkey in November 2003, in which 56 people were killed and over 450 injured, and the bombing of the train system in Madrid, Spain on March 11, 2004 that killed more than 190 people and injured approximately 1,500;

Whereas on July 7, 2005, a series of four explosions struck the London public transportation system during the morning rush hour, killing at least 49 innocent civilians and injuring approximately 700 others;

Whereas a previously unknown terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attacks in the name of al Qaeda;

Whereas the terrorist attacks in London coincided with the opening of the G-8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, a Summit committed to bringing help and hope to the poorest countries of the world;

Whereas President Bush immediately condemned the terrorist attacks and extended the "heartfelt condolences" of the people of the United States to the people of the United Kingdom;

Whereas Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed, on behalf of the United Kingdom and the world leaders attending the G-8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, to remain steadfast and strong in the fight against terrorism, stating, "All of

our countries have suffered from the impact of terrorism. Those responsible have no respect for human life. We are united in our resolve to confront and defeat this terrorism that is not an attack on one nation, but all nations and on civilized people everywhere. . . . It's important . . . that those engaged in terrorism realize that our determination to defend our values and our way of life is greater than their determination to cause death and destruction to innocent people in a desire to impose extremism on the world", and declared, "We shall prevail, and [the terrorists] shall not";

Whereas the North Atlantic Council, the governing body of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, after meeting in an extraordinary session, reaffirmed the determination of the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to combat the scourge of terrorism and defend the values of freedom, tolerance, and democracy using all available means;

Whereas world leaders attending the G-8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland expressed condolences to the people of the United Kingdom and issued a joint statement to "condemn utterly these barbaric attacks"; and

Whereas Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking on behalf of the world leaders attending the G-8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland, declared, "We are united in the resolve" to defeat terrorism, which is "not an attack on one nation, but on all nations": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- 2 (1 expresses deepest sympathies and condo-
- 3 lences to the people of the United Kingdom and the

victims and their families for the heinous terrorist
attacks that occurred in London on July 7, 2005;

(2) condemns these barbaric and unwarranted
attacks on the innocent people of London;

(3) expresses strong and continued solidarity
with the people of the United Kingdom and pledges
to remain shoulder-to-shoulder with the people of the
United Kingdom to bring the terrorists responsible
for these brutal attacks to justice; and

(4) calls upon the international community to
renew and strengthen efforts to—

(A) defeat terrorists by dismantling ter-
rorist networks and exposing the violent and ni-
hilistic ideology of terrorism;

(B) increase international cooperation to
advance personal and religious freedoms, ethnic
and racial tolerance, political liberty and plu-
ralism, and economic prosperity; and

(C) combat the social injustice, oppression,
poverty, and extremism that breeds terrorism.